

REMARKS

Claims 33-35, 38-44, 47-50, 56-58, 62, 63, 70, and 72-77 are currently pending for examination. No amendments have been made to the claims.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 33-35, 38, 42-44, 50, 62, 63, 70, and 72-77 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 7,629,384. However, the Patent Office stated that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection.

Without acceding to the correctness of this rejection, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 7,629,384 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. In view of this Terminal Disclaimer, claims 33-35, 38, 42-44, 50, 62, 63, 70, and 72-77 are believed to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this Response that is not covered by an enclosed check to Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. S1509.70029US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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